

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as specified herein in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 by replacing the identified paragraph(s) as indicated below. The amended paragraph(s) contain no new matter.

Specifically, please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

—The invention relates to a filter ~~according to the preamble of claim 1~~ such as an oil filter for an internal combustion engine. Such filters are familiar from DE-U-296,10,290 or from practice, for example, as oil filters for internal combustion engines in the automobile industry. The filter in DE-U-296,10,290 has a drain valve and a check valve which must be installed separately in the filter housing. A filter which was disclosed in EP-A1-692,292 has a check valve which is molded in along with a hollow mounting screw. —

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 29, with the following amended paragraph:

—This goal of the invention is achieved by a filter with the features of ~~claim 1~~ a filter housing having a valve located in the filter housing, such as a check valve. A filter bypass valve, or a drain valve, is also provided. The valve body of the bypass or drain valve is located in a combination component. The combination component has a connector for connecting at least one additional filter component, such as an additional valve or a filter insert, to the combination component. —

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as specified herein in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 by replacing the identified paragraph as indicated below. The amended paragraph contains no new matter.

Specifically, please replace the pending Abstract with the following amended language:

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a filter, such as an oil filter for a combustion engine. The inventive filter ~~comprises~~ includes a filter housing and a valve, such as a non-return valve, a filter bypassing valve or a drain valve, that is arranged in the filter housing. According to the invention, the valve body of said valve is arranged at a combination component which is provided with ~~connecting means~~ a connector for connecting at least one additional filter component, such as an additional valve or a filter inset, to the combination component.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of this amendment, the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the pending application.

Please amend the pending claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A Filter~~ filter, comprising: such as an oil filter for an internal combustion engine, with
a filter housing having a filter base, and with;
a valve located in the filter housing, the valve having a valve body and a valve seat,
wherein the valve seat is formed by the filter base, such as a check valve, a filter bypass valve, or
a drain valve, characterized in that; and
a combination component;
wherein the valve body of this valve is located in a the combination component-(15), and
that the combination component (15) has a connector for connecting at least one additional filter
component such as an additional valve or a filter insert (4) to the combination component-(15),
wherein the at least one additional filter component comprises a support dome.
2. (Currently Amended) ~~Filter~~ The filter according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the
combination component-(15) has a base plate-(14) on which the valve body of the valve is
elastically supported by a spring, the valve seat associated with the valve body being disposed
separately from the combination component-(15).
3. (Currently Amended) ~~Filter~~ The filter according to claim 2, characterized in that wherein the
base plate-(14) has an opening to which a tubular sleeve-(18) is connected, which tubular sleeve
forms the valve body for the one of a drain valve and/or and the a filter bypass valve-(8).
4. (Currently Amended) ~~Filter~~ The filter according to claim 3, characterized in that wherein the
tubular sleeve-(18) is designed as a component which is separate from the base plate-(14).

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Filter~~ The filter according to ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the combination component ~~(15)~~ has a connector to which a filter insert ~~(4)~~ is detachably attached or attachable.